

# RCOP Annual Conference 2023 : Leadership Sessi

## Advance your professional development and extend the scope of your clinical practice: Why leadership matters

**Always more *rheum* in podiatry: Business scope for the  
creation of a rheumatology foot specific competency  
framework**

**RCoP Leadership Programme Project  
Alumnus Cohort 2022**

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Purpose	Stakeholders
<p><b>In order to</b> improve the service provision, assessment, management and professional development of rheumatology podiatry within our profession, development and application of a rheumatology foot competency framework is required like those in diabetes.</p> <p><b>What is the objective?</b></p> <p>Creation of a rheumatology foot competency for use by podiatrists and other rheumatology MDT members</p> <p><b>Why is the project needed?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No current approved foot competencies in rheumatology</li> <li>• Increase awareness of podiatry role in rheumatology (BSR, 2021; Joyce and Rajak 2021)</li> <li>• Meets multiple Saks Reports (2021) recommendations</li> </ul>	<p>Royal College of Podiatry (RCoP)</p> <p>British Society of Rheumatology (BSR)</p> <p>Podiatric Rheumatic Care Association (PRCA)</p> <p>NHS career and curriculum stakeholders</p> <p>NHS Workforce planning and commissioning committee</p> <p>PPI involvement of rheumatology organisations/charities</p> <p>NHS leaders in rheumatology and podiatry</p>
End Product	Success Criteria
<p>Framework competences for foot/ankle health in rheumatology in order to ensure a better overall care of this patient group that is dependent on the patient rather than the postcode</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval and accredited framework from RCOP</li> <li>• Better undergraduate training in rheumatology podiatry – linked in with NHS career and curriculum workforce</li> <li>• Better integration of podiatry into rheumatology services via increase commissioning of specific posts by ICBs</li> </ul>

# Why?

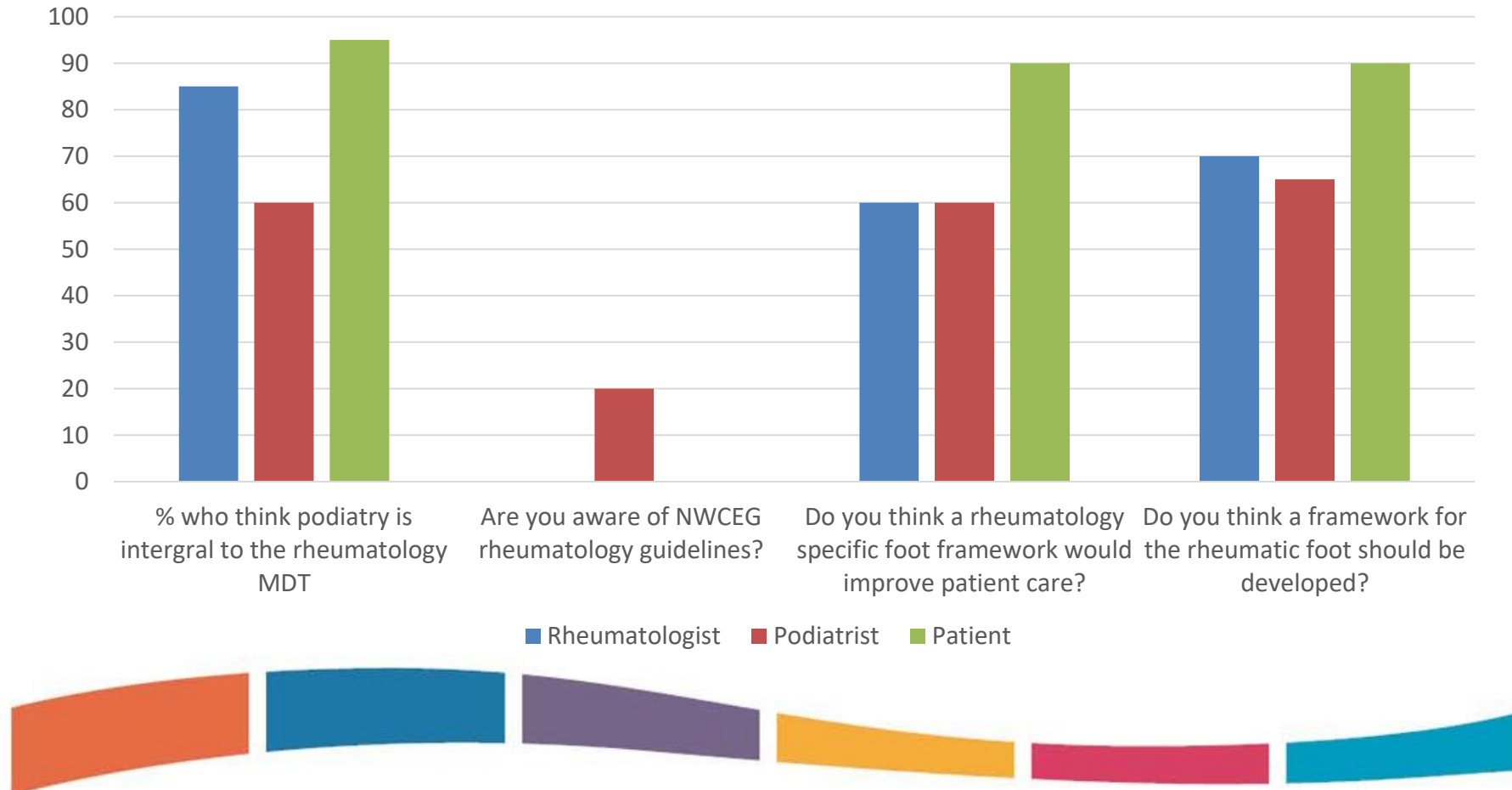


○ Patient centred ○ Unmet needs ○ Retention ○ Cinderella ○ Future

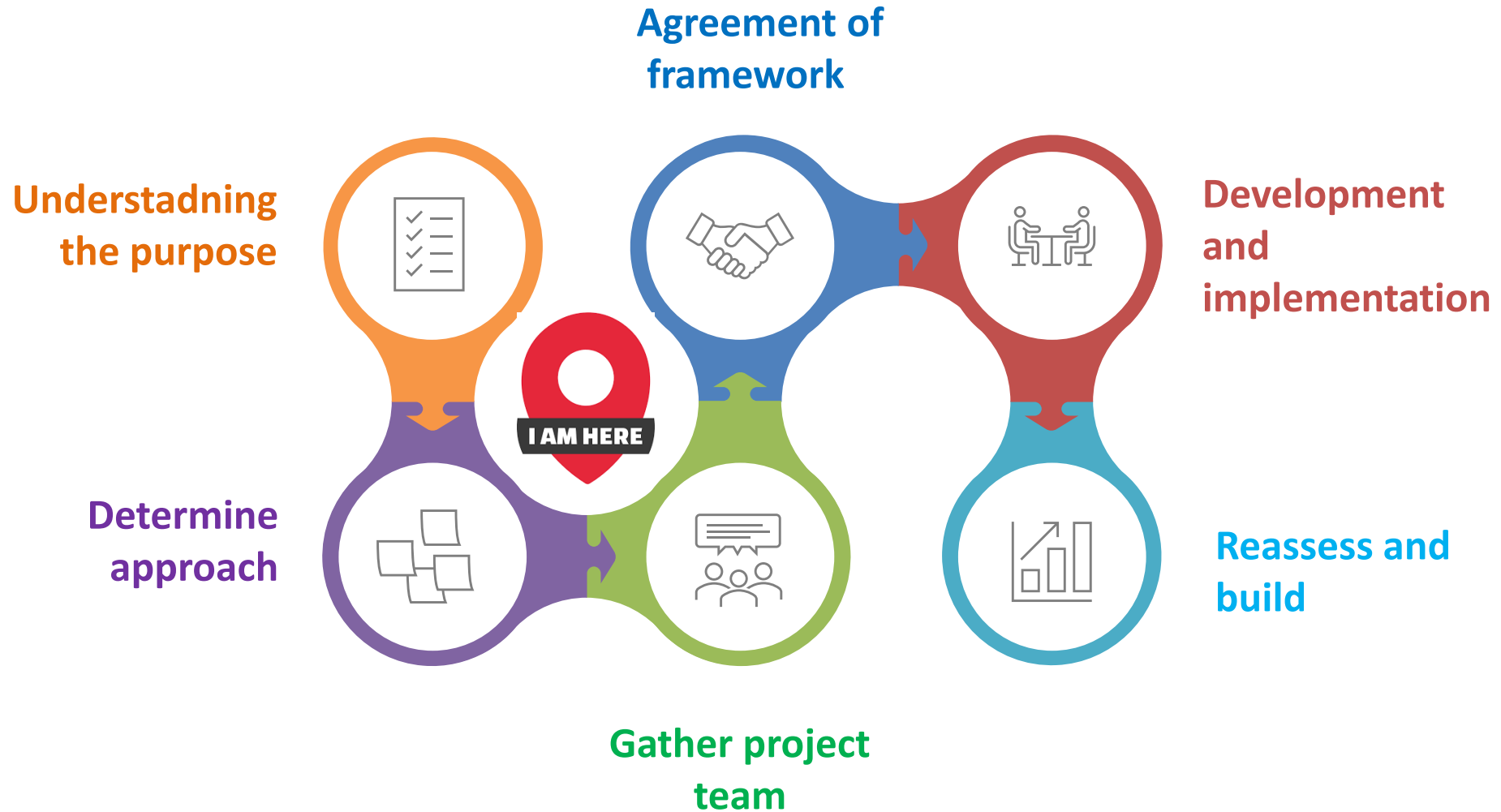


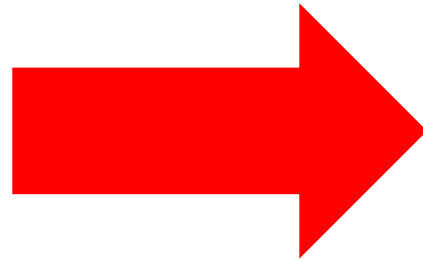
# Is there appetite for it?

Need for a rheumatology foot specific framework – A survey  
 (response in %)



# The map to completion?

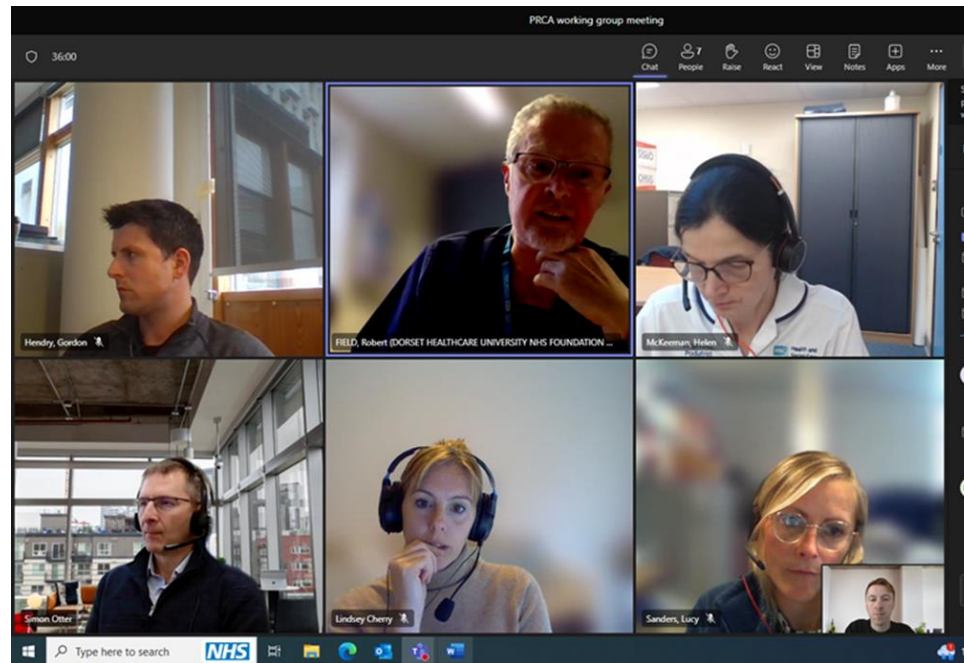




Determine  
approach



Gather project  
team



# Measure success

## Success Criteria

- Approval and accredited framework from RCOP
- Better undergraduate training in rheumatology podiatry – linked in with NHS career and curriculum workforce
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WE NEED YOU!  
TO MAKE IT HAPPEN



PRCA is looking for new members to help run, guide and assist in improving podiatric rheumatology and gets its voice back!

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Any  
questions?

